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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2676

INFO AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, MRS. NELSON)

SUBJ: MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S VISIT TO LENINGRAD

REF: LENINGRAD 1585

1. CONSULATE HAS DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PAYMENT WITH
INTOURIST REPRESENTATIVES. LENINGRAD BRANCH OF INTOURIST STATES
THAT ONLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF PAYMENT ARE AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLERS
CHECKS, CREDIT CARD OR CASH. THEY EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTAB
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FOR THE BILL FOR THE LENINGRAD PORTION OF THE TRIP TO BE PAID FOR
IN MOSCOW AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT AN AMERICAN EXPRESS PAYMENT VOUCHER
HERE.

2. THERE APPEAR TO BE TWO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR PAYMENT:

A) THAT EMBASSY MOSCOW ARRANGE WITH INTOURIST MOSCOW TO DIRECT
INTOURIST LENINGRAD TO ACCEPT AMERICAN EXPRESS VOUCHER PAYMENT;
B) THAT SOMEONE IN MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S PARTY (PERHAPS HER PERSONAL
ASSISTANT) BE PREPARED TO MAKE PAYMENT BY EITHER AMERICAN EXPRESS
TRAVELERS CHECKS OR CREDIT CARD. IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR OWN
RELATIONS WITH INTOURIST LENINGRAD, WE WOULD PREFER THE LATTER
COURSE OF ACTION, I.E., PAYMENT BY AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD OR
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TRAVELERS CHECKS.

3. TOTAL INTOURIST ESTIMATED COST FOR MRS. ROCKEFELLER, HER PARTY OF
THREE
AND THE AIRPLANE CREW (4) COMES TO APPROXIMATELY \$1500.00.
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